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SUBJECT: THAILAND YET TO ADDRESS UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE ISSUES

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Classified By: Pol Counselor George Kent, reason 1.4 (b, d)

¶1. (C) We delivered reftel points on UNGA Third Committee issues to MFA Director General of International Organizations Vipawan Nipatakusol on September 11. Vipawan responded that Thailand would maintain its past voting record, but acknowledged she and her division were distracted by Thailand's ongoing domestic political turmoil. The IO Department's immediate concern was who would lead the Thai delegation to UNGA in ten days' time; that could not be resolved until Thailand had a new cabinet in place. The MFA had not started focusing on substance but promised to take our views into account on specific country resolutions, thematic resolutions of concern, and the "no action" tactics intended to curtail discussion.

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